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LETTER DATED 21 AUGUST 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TAJIKISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the "Protocol concerning the fundamental principles of peace-keeping and the national entente in Tajikistan" signed by the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, E. Rakhmonov, and the leader of the Tajik opposition, A. Nuri, thanks to the good offices of your Special Envoy, Ambassador Ramiro Píriz-Ballón.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rashid ALIMOV
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Annex

Protocol concerning the fundamental principles of peace-keeping and the national entente in Tajikistan

The President of the Republic of Tajikistan, E. Rakhmonov, and the leader of the Tajik opposition, A. Nuri, firmly resolved to ensure that the higher interests of the Tajik people are respected, declare that dialogue and cooperation are the indispensable means for arriving at a durable peace in the country. Accordingly, the Government undertakes to abstain from doing anything that might go against the provisions of the protocols concluded and from adopting any law or measure that might be incompatible with those protocols. The Tajik opposition, for its part, undertakes to use in its political struggle exclusively peaceful means, in accordance with the laws in force in the Republic of Tajikistan and in conformity with the agreements guaranteed set forth in the general agreement on the maintenance of peace and the national entente in the country.

To that end, they have agreed as follows:

1. On 18 September 1995, they will embark on an uninterrupted series of talks with a view to concluding as soon as possible general agreement on the maintenance of peace and the national entente in Tajikistan. These talks will take place at a venue agreed by the parties, with the mediation of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. The above-mentioned general agreement will be composed of distinct protocols on the following series of problems:

(a) Political problems, including a consultative forum of the nations of Tajikistan, the functioning of all the parties and political movements and the participation of their representatives in the structures of authority, as well as the strengthening of the process of the democratization of Tajik society;

(b) Military problems, including reform of the structures of the government forces, demobilization, disarmament and reintegration of opposition army units into the government armed forces or into a civil service, in accordance with a plan to be agreed on in the course of subsequent talks;

(c) Freely granted repatriation, in full security and dignity, and reintegration of refugees, including the necessary legal, economic and social guarantees;

(d) The committee on surveillance and monitoring of observance of the general agreements by the parties;

(e) These guarantees regarding observance of the general agreement, in particular the role that might be played by the United Nations, States and international organizations observing the inter-Tajik talks;

(f) A donors' conference on the financing of a programme for the reintegration of refugees, displaced persons and individuals demobilized in the context of national pacification and on the granting of the necessary assistance for the resurgence of the national economy, disrupted by the civil war.

3. The protocols on the series of problems enumerated will form an integral part of the general agreement, the present document constituting the first such protocol.

4. Acting in the spirit of this protocol and desirous of creating the necessary conditions for the pursuit of talks, the parties have agreed to extend by six months, to 26 April 1996, the agreement on the cease-fire and the temporary cessation of hostilities on the Tajikistan-Afghanistan border and inside the country.

5. The exchange of text of the present protocol, signed by E. Rakhmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, and A. Nuri, leader of the Tajik opposition, took place on 17 August 1995 through the intermediary of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, R. Píriz-Ballón.

(Signed) E. RAKHMONOV
President of the Republic
of Tajikistan

(Signed) A. NURI
Leader of the Tajik opposition